

2009 KADB Policy Document

Summary of Revisions

1. Consolidate Model Programs into one program now called “County Agriculture Investment Program” (CAIP). (*This excludes shared-use equipment program.*)
 2. All investment areas must be made available. County Councils may designate whether an investment area is a “Primary” or “Secondary” investment focus.
 - a. No restrictions on how many investment areas are Primary focus or Secondary focus.
 - b. Maximum cost-share limits will be different between primary and secondary focus areas. Secondary focus area maximum cost-share limit cannot be less than 50% of the amount designated for the Primary focus area.
 3. Only one entity per county will serve as the CAIP administrator. This entity is responsible for all reporting and compliance requirements for the program. The CAIP administrator may utilize the expertise in other organizations and subcontract, as necessary, to assist in effectively implementing the program.
 4. All CAIP contracts between the administrator and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board will be for a term of 12-months. All funds not utilized by the end of the contract will be returned by the administrator and deposited back into the County’s allocation account.
 5. Lack of “tobacco dependency” shall not render a producer ineligible for program participation.
 6. A CAIP Universal application and scoring system will be utilized.
 - a. The Universal application has a point total of 90. County Councils may create additional questions that can add up to an additional 20 points. These additional questions may not relate to questions already asked and must be submitted to GOAP to approve for legality.
 - b. A producer applicant may select up to three investment areas in which to participate.
 7. Addition of new investment area – *On-farm Energy Efficiency & Production* – with the goals to:
 - a. Increase producer awareness of opportunities to improve energy efficiency and production of useable energy with their farming operations;
 - b. Offer financial incentives to encourage farmers to adopt new technologies, renovate existing facilities, produce energy related crops, and invest in other measure that conserve or generate additional energy on their farms;
 - c. Assist with the costs of hiring technical expertise for farmers so they may have a competitive advantage in applying for other grant programs, or design, implement, and operate measures to conserve or generate additional energy on their farms.
 8. An annual cost-share limit will be implemented beginning in 2009. Beginning in 2010, points on the Universal application may be deducted from an applicant’s score based upon the level of funding received in 2009. Scoring deductions may be implemented in subsequent years based upon the applicant’s cumulative funding levels from 2009 and thereafter.
 9. The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board may require significant contributions of County Agricultural Development funds for projects seeking state-level funding.
 10. Collaboration projects involving multiple counties and pooling of funds (local, private, county agricultural development funds, etc.) will be given greater consideration by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for state-level funding.
 11. The KADB, Auditor of Public Accounts and other relevant state agencies may review all records pertaining to the project and conduct an audit if deemed necessary.
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